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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/760,247	Applicant(s) SILVERBROOK, KIA	
	Examiner Rene Garcia, Jr.	Art Unit 2853	

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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some    \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Drawings*

1. The drawings were received on 05 September 2006. These drawings are acceptable.

### *Claim Objections*

2. Claim 8 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2 has spelling error; "havign" should be "having". Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silverbrook (US 6,318,920).

#### **Silverbrook discloses the following claimed limitations:**

\*regarding claim 1, printer cartridge (fig. 3 – made up of chasis/10/ and printhead assembly/11/; col. 4, lines 35-42) for removable installation within an inkjet printer having a print engine controller/microcontroller, 25/ (col. 4, line 63), a paper feed mechanism (col. 4, lines 44-49) and a paper path/along exit slot, 19/ (col. 4, lines 43-45), the printer cartridge comprising: (figs. 2,3).

\*printing fluid storage/ink ducts, 40/ (fig. 6, 11; col. 5, lines 24-40 – ink is in ink ducts/40/ [storage] when going between nozzles/30/ and ink cassette/93/; ink is in conduits between printing operations thus stored for an unspecified time)

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\*printhead/**print chip, 27/** in fluid communication with the printing fluid storage/**ink ducts, 40/** (fig. 6-11; col. 5, lines 24-39; see also col. 5, line 63 – col. 6, line 61)

\*electrical contacts for transmitting data and power to the printhead (col. 5, lines 3-7; fig. 7 – print chip/27/ connected to tab film/28/)

\*printing fluid blotter/**blotting portion, 81/** (fig. 23 & 24; col. 8, lines 2-27) arranged to blot the printhead (col. 8, lines 34 – 43)

\*printhead is positioned adjacent the paper path and the electrical contacts establish an electrical connection with the print engine controller (col. 4, lines 44-49; fig. 3)

\*regarding claim 2, printing fluid storage/40/ and the printhead/27/ are fast with a body/10/ of the printer cartridge (fig. 3, 6-8; col. 4, lines 53-65)

\*printing fluid blotter/81/ is coupled to the body/10/ (fig. 3, 20-25; col. 8, line 44- col. 9, line 17; blotter/81/ is part of platen member/14/)

\*regarding claim 3, printing fluid blotter/81/ includes engagement assembly to engage an assembly for selectively bringing the printing fluid blotter/81/ into cooperation with the printhead/27 (fig. 23 & 24; col. 8, lines 55-67)

\*regarding claim 4, printing fluid blotter/81/ includes an absorptive material/82/ (col. 8, lines 40-43) arranged to absorb printing fluid ejected from the printhead/27/ while not printing to a print medium (col. 8, lines 34-39)

\*regarding claim 5, printing fluid blotter/81/ is rotationally (col. 8, lines 63-67; lines 12-18) coupled to the body

\*regarding claim 6, printing fluid blotter/81/ is also slidingly coupled to the body

\*regarding claim 7, printhead/27/ comprises a pagewidth printhead (col. 1, lines 35; there are a plurality of print chip/27/ that make up printhead; col. 4, lines 64-66)

\* blotter/81/ extends along the pagewidth printhead/27/ (col. 8, lines 19-21; blotter is part of platen/14/)

\*regarding claim 8, printer cartridge for removable installation within an inkjet printer having a print engine controller/microcontroller, 25/ (col. 4, line 63), a paper feed mechanism (col. 4, lines 44-49) and a paper path/along exit slot, 19/ (col. 4, lines 43-45), the printer cartridge comprising: (figs. 2,3)

\*body containing at least one printing fluid storage reservoir /ink ducts, 40/ (fig. 6, 11; col. 5, lines 24-40 – ink is in ink ducts/40/ [storage; has six ducts] when going between nozzles/30/ and ink cassette/93/; ink is in conduits between printing operations thus stored for an unspecified time)

\*printhead attached to the body and in fluid communication with the at least one printing fluid reservoir (fig. 3, 6-8; col. 4, lines 53-65; in fluid communication with 6 ink ducts)

\* printing fluid blotter/81/ rotatably coupled to the body/10/ (fig. 3, 20-25; col. 8, lines 63-67; lines 12-18; blotter/81/ is part of platen member/14/)

\*electrical contacts for transmitting data and power to the printhead (col. 5, lines 3-7; fig.

7 – print chip/27/ connected to tab film/28/)

\*engagement assembly (col. 8, lines 13-17; lines 34-42) located on the printing fluid blotter/81/ to engage an assembly for selectively causing cooperation of the printing fluid blotter/81/ with the printhead

\*printhead is positioned adjacent the paper path and the electrical contacts establish an electrical connection with the print engine controller (col. 4, lines 44-49; fig. 3)

\*regarding claim 9, printhead/27/ comprises a pagewidth printhead (col. 1, lines 35; there are a plurality of print chip/27/ that make up printhead; col. 4, lines 64-66)

\* blotter/81/ extends along the pagewidth printhead/27/ (col. 8, lines 19-21; blotter is part of platen/14/)

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 05 September 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's arguments, the recitation "for removable installation within an inkjet printer" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951).

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Amended claims 1 & 8 fail to overcome the prior art of record used in 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection, Silverbrook (US 6,318,920). Silverbrook '920 teaches the amended claim limitations of electrical contacts, print engine controller, paper feed mechanism and paper path as outlined in rejection above.

***Conclusion***

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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*Communications with the USPTO*

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rene Garcia, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-5980. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen D. Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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